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Sweet Cherry Production

Montana sweet cherry producers harvested a total of 2,390 tons in 2009, 53 percent above the 2008 production of 1,560 tons, but 2 percent below the 2,440 tons produced in 2007. Utilization of the 2009 crop totaled 1,055 tons, compared with 1,450 tons utilized in 2008 and 2,180 tons utilized in 2007. The value of production for 2009 was $1.57 million, compared with $3.96 million in 2008 and $3.56 million in 2007. The average price per ton received for sweet cherries during 2009 was $1,490, compared with $2,730 in 2008 and $1,630 per ton in 2007. In 2009, there were 710 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.37 tons per acre, compared with 710 bearing acres with an average yield of 2.20 tons per acre in 2008, and 720 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.39 tons per acre in 2007. There were 1,200 tons of unharvested production in 2009, compared with 10 tons unharvested in 2008 and 140 tons unharvested in 2007. In addition, there were 135 tons harvested but not sold in 2009, compared with 100 tons harvested but not sold in 2008 and 120 tons harvested but not sold in 2007.

Sweet cherry producers in the United States harvested 429,870 tons in 2009, 73 percent above the 2008 total of 248,060 tons, and 38 percent higher than the 2007 crop of 310,680 tons. Producers utilized 283,600 tons in 2009, 62 percent above the 175,320 tons utilized in 2008, and 27 percent higher than the 2007 utilized total of 222,560 tons. Value of production for the 2009 crop totaled $505.9 million, 12 percent below the 2008 total of $574 million, and 9 percent lower than the $557.1 million in 2007. The price per ton was $1,350 in 2009, compared with $2,390 in 2008 and $1,820 in 2007. In 2009, there were 85,310 bearing acres with an average yield of 5.04 tons per acre, compared with 82,610 bearing acres and an average yield per acre of 3.00 tons in 2008, and 81,670 bearing acres with an average yield of 3.80 tons per acre in 2007. There were 50,230 tons of unharvested production in 2009, compared with 3,940 tons unharvested in 2008 and 1,150 tons unharvested in 2007. In addition, there were 4,015 tons harvested but not sold in 2009, compared with 3,400 tons harvested but not sold in 2008, and 3,320 tons harvested but not sold in 2007.

Small Grain Production

Based on July 1 crop conditions, Montana's all wheat production is expected to be 193.4 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. The area for harvest for all wheat is expected to be 5.4 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast to be 88.2 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield is forecast to be 43.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from previous forecast, but up 6 bushels from last year.

The first spring wheat production forecast is 85.3 million bushels, up 21 percent from last year's production. The expected yield of 31.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year. The harvested acres are expected to be 2.75 million acres, up 400,000 acres from last year. For the week ending July 5, the spring wheat crop was 15 percent headed compared with 17 percent last year and 39 percent for the five-year average. Durum wheat production is forecast to be 20.0 million bushels, up 21 percent from last year. The expected yield of 32.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year. Harvested acreage is expected to be 625,000 acres, up 17 percent from 2009.

Barley yields are expected to average 58.0 bushels per acre in 2010, 1 bushel above last year. Barley production is forecast to be 31.9 million bushels compared with 41.0 million bushels last year. Growers expect to harvest 550,000 acres, down 170,000 acres from 2009. Barley crop progress is slightly behind last year, with 75 percent reaching boot stage and 28 percent headed. Oat growers expect to produce 1.77 million bushels of grain, 1 percent below last year. The 2010 harvested acreage is expected to be 30,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2009. The expected yield of 59.0 bushels per acre is 3 bushels above last year's yield.

Dry edible pea producers in Montana planted 240,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Producers are expecting to harvest 226,000 acres. Austrian winter pea producers planted 13,000 acres and expect to harvest 8,000 acres, 2,000 acres above last year. Lentil growers planted 260,000 acres this year, up 138,000 acres from last year and expect to harvest 250,000 acres, up 134,000 acres. Montana potato producers planted 10,000 acres in 2010, 11 percent below last year. The first forecast of potato production will be on November 10, 2010.

The U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be tied for the third highest yield on record, trailing only 1999 and 2008. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2010 but down 7 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.01 billion bushels, is up 3 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 268 million bushels, is down 6 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 3 percent from last month and now totals 226 million bushels. Of this total, 17.8 million bushels are Hard White and 208 million bushels are Soft White.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 607 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third largest production on record. The United States yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 13.6 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2010 but up 5 percent from last year.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 104 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, 4.9 bushels below last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.59 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2010 but up 7 percent from last year.

U.S. barley production for 2010 is forecast at 182 million bushels, down 20 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from a year ago. While the forecasted yield per acre is down 2 percent from a year ago, the expected decline in production is more a reflection of the lowest planted acreage on record and the lowest expected harvested acreage since 1883. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.55 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from 2009.

Oats production is forecast at 87.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record. Based on conditions as of July 1, the yield is forecast at 66.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from 2009's record high yield. Growers expect to harvest 1.32 million acres for grain or seed, down 5 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the smallest harvested area on record.

Planted area of dry edible peas in the U.S. is estimated at 869,000 acres, up 4 percent from the March Prospective Plantings, but virtually unchanged from 2009. Area for harvest, at 842,900 acres, is 1 percent above a year ago. Lentils planted area estimated at 655,000 acres, up 28 percent from the March Prospective Plantings and 58 percent above 2009. If realized, this will be the largest planted acreage since

records began in 1986. Harvested area is estimated at 639,000 acres, up 57 percent from last year. Austrian winter peas: planted area estimated at 31,500 acres, up 7 percent from the March Prospective Plantings, and 54 percent above a year ago. Area harvested is forecast at 22,200 acres, up 62 percent from a year ago. Fall potatoes: Area planted to fall potatoes in 2010 is estimated at 896,100 acres, down 4 percent from the 2009 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 882,300 acres, also down 4 percent from 2009.

Mink Production

Montana mink pelt production for 2009 totaled 22,500 pelts. In 2008, there were 36,900 pelts produced, with 13,500 in the black color class. In 2010, there were 7,200 females bred to produce kits, 1,400 in the black color class. In 2009, there were 6,000 females bred to produce kits.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2009 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 886,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 613,500 pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2009 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 23 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent, Demi/Wild at 4 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 7 percent.

Mink pelts produced during the 2009 crop year were valued at $186 million, up 58 percent from $117 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2009 crop year was $65.10, up $23.50 from $41.60 in 2008.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 670,200, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, Sapphire at 5 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent.

There were 278 mink farms producing pelts in 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago

July 1, 2010 Crop Production Forecast, Montana and U. S.

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2009	2010 1/	2009	2010 1/	2009	2010 1/	2009	2010 1/
MONTANA		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	2,550.0	2,100.0	2,420.0	2,050.0	37.0	43.0	89,540	88,150
Durum Wheat	Bu	570.0	640.0	535.0	625.0	31.0	32.0	16,585	20,000
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,400.0	2,800.0	2,350.0	2,750.0	30.0	31.0	70,500	85,250
All Wheat	Bu	5,520.0	5,540.0	5,305.0	5,425.0	33.3	35.3	176,625	193,400
Barley	Bu	870.0	700.0	720.0	550.0	57.0	58.0	41,040	31,900
Oats	Bu	70.0	70.0	32.0	30.0	56.0	59.0	1,792	1,770
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	72.0	80.0	26.0	35.0	152.0	3/	3,952	3/
Sugar Beets	Tons	38.4	42.7	33.6	42.6	29.8	3/	1,001	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	11.2	10.0	9.7	9.7	345	5/	3,347	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	11.9	11.6	11.5	10.5	21.0	3/	242	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	240.0	240.0	226.0	226.0	13.3	5/	3,006	5/
Lentils	Cwt	122.0	260.0	116.0	250.0	13.8	5/	1,601	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	10.0	13.0	6.0	8.0	9.3	5/	56	5/
Canola	Lbs	6.5	21.0	6.5	19.0	16.6	4/	10,790	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	11.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	16.0	6/	160	6/
Mustard Seed	Lbs	18.0	16.0	17.7	15.0	920.0	6/	16,284	6/
Safflower	Lbs	31.0	35.0	30.5	34.0	770.0	6/	23,485	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	1,700.0	1,800.0	2.1	3/	3,570	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	800.0	900.0	1.5	3/	1,200	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,500.0	2,700.0	1.9	3/	4,770	3/
UNITED STATES		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	43,311.0	37,723.0	34,485.0	32,085.0	44.2	46.9	1,522,718	1,505,493
Durum Wheat	Bu	2,554.0	2,675.0	2,428.0	2,588.0	44.9	40.0	109,042	103,513
Spring Wheat	Bu	13,268.0	13,907.0	12,955.0	13,590.0	45.1	44.6	584,411	606,755
All Wheat	Bu	59,133.0	54,305.0	49,868.0	48,263.0	44.4	44.0	2,216,171	2,215,761
Barley	Bu	3,567.0	2,972.0	3,113.0	2,546.0	73.0	71.6	227,323	182,192
Oats	Bu	3,404.0	3,176.0	1,379.0	1,315.0	67.5	66.7	93,081	87,726
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	86,482.0	87,872.0	79,590.0	81,005.0	164.7	3/	13,110,062	3/
Sugar Beets	Tons	1,185.8	1,184.7	1,148.6	1,146.4	25.7	3/	29,563	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	937.1	896.1	919.6	882.3	428	5/	393,503	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,537.5	1,742.3	1,463.0	1,670.1	17.3	3/	25,360	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	863.3	869.0	837.9	842.9	20.5	5/	17,137	5/
Lentils	Cwt	415.0	655.0	407.0	639.0	14.4	5/	5,859	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	20.5	31.5	13.7	22.2	13.3	5/	182	5/
Canola	Lbs	827.0	1,523.7	814.0	1,491.7	18.1	4/	1,474	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	317.0	410.0	314.0	405.0	23.6	6/	7,423	6/
Mustard	Lbs	51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1		6/		6/
Safflower	Lbs	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0	1,462.0	6/	241,970	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	21,227.0	20,732.0	3.35	3/	71,030	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	38,528.0	38,924.0	1.98	3/	76,412	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	59,755.0	59,656.0	2.47	3/	147,442	3/

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Planted for all purposes. 3/ Forecast available August 12, 2010 4/ Forecast available October 9, 2010. 5/ Forecast

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